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Subject: LaGuardia Airport Central Terminal Building Redevelopment Program Draft
Environmental Assessment and DOT Section 4(f) Evaluation

Dear Mr. Knoesel:

The Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the LaGuardia Airport Central Terminal Building Redevelopment Program Draft Environmental Assessment and DOT Section 4(f) Evaluation prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey proposes to redevelop the passenger terminal building, airside apron, landside roadways, and parking garage within the main terminal area at LaGuardia Airport in Bronx, New York. The Proposed Action involves replacing the existing terminal building with a three-level, 1.3 million square foot terminal, reconfiguring the terminal airside apron to accommodate larger aircraft at 35 contact gate positions, removing and replacing arrival and departure roadways, constructing a new West Parking Garage containing 2,900 spaces, and demolishing and relocating various hangars, utility and service areas, and airport access points.

Based on our review of the DEA, EPA finds that the Proposed Action is compatible with existing conditions and land use at the site, and that no significant, long-term adverse impacts will result. We commend your commitment to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship as you undertake a project of this scale.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DEA. If you have any questions, please contact Shane Nelson at (212) 637-3130.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grace Musumeci".

Grace Musumeci, Chief
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